

Training Announcement

2015 Drug Recognition Expert School

Course Description: The Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) program has received national acclaim for its success in identifying the drug-impaired individual. Although the focus of the DRE curricula is on the identification of the drug-impaired driver, DRE skills are applied to many different law enforcement activities. In addition, DREs are frequently called upon to differentiate between drug influence and medical and/or mental disorders. The certified DRE is a valuable tool for combating the adverse impact of drugs on the communities they serve.

Due to limits on class size, program prerequisites, and screening criteria, not all applicants are accepted. Applicants need to be aware that the DRE School is demanding, and students must be prepared for the academic challenges of the course and travel requirements.

Locations and Dates: Michigan State Police Training Academy - Lansing, Michigan

February 3, 2015 - February 13, 2015 (Phases I and II)

Maricopa County Jail - Phoenix, Arizona March 9, 2015 - March 13, 2015 (Phase III)

Who Should Apply: Road officers actively involved in OWI enforcement. Officers who wish to become a DRE must be willing to accept call-outs, maintain proper paperwork, and complete the minimum number of evaluations and training hours for recertification.

Cost: There are no registration or materials costs to attend. Meals, lodging, and airfare are provided by a grant through the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning with funding from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Officer wages are not covered.

How to Apply: See attached application for DRE school requirements.

Submit completed application and supporting documentation to:

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<u>Application Deadline is November 1, 2014</u>